

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

Wallace State Office Bldg., Des Moines, IA

State Soil and Water Conservation Committee

Sherman Lundy, Chair

Jean Eells

Paula Ellis

Dale Farnham

Vance Helm

Jody Kerns

Charles McCullough

Tim Palmer

J. Kelly Tobin

DSC

Jim Gillespie

Jake Hansen

Susan Kozak

Will Myers

Vince Sitzmann

Tarrita Spicer

Partners

Steve Hopkins, Department of Natural Resources

Jon Hubbert, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Clare Lindahl, Conservation Districts of Iowa

Dave Shanahan, Iowa County of Engineers

Additional Attendees

Jennifer Terry, Iowa Environmental Council

Adam Schneiders, Department of Natural Resources

Minutes for April 2, 2015

2015 – 22 Jean made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2015 – 23 Jean made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 27, 2015, special meeting. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Modeling and Monitoring of Agricultural Conservation Practices for Flood Mitigation and Nutrient Reduction –
Larry Weber, Director IIHR Hydroscience and Engineering – University of Iowa

Bureau Chief Reports

Field Services – Sitzmann (copy of report with file)

Water Resources – Hansen (copy of report with file)

Mines & Minerals – Kozak (copy of report with file)

Director's Report – Gillespie (copy of report with file)

- Introduction of the newly hired Water Quality Initiative Projects Coordinator Will Myers.
- Jean Eells and Kelly Tobin's terms end April 30th, awards were presented to them.
- Adair County hosting a tour with guest Joni Ernst, April 9th, 5:00 p.m., stop at Dick & Wanda Wallace Farm through North Thompson Watershed.

Partner Reports

Conservation Districts of Iowa – Lindahl (copy of report with file)

Engineers – Shanahan

- Engineer summer meeting in July: Any questions or comments can be relayed during the meeting submit to Dave.
- General/Supervisor session: if the SSCC would like to be on the Fall agenda, contact ISAC now.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Hopkins (copy of report with file)
Iowa State Extension – Lawrence/Al-Kaisi (copy of report with file)
Leopold Center – Farnham (copy of report with file)
Natural Resource Conservation Service – Mar/Hubbert (copy of report with file)

- Workload analysis will be sent to Field Offices in the next week.
- Business Plans many have been turned in, working with NRCS to do a combined one.
- Foundational Skills Training: currently rolling out; covers many skills needed.

Old Business

Waiver Request for Vegetated Subsurface Drain Outlet (739) Installations Update– Jay Mar/Jon Hubbert
SSCC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates – Spicer (copy of report with file)
Summer Tour Update

- Review Save the Date draft.

ISAC Spring meeting update – Jim updated the group on his attendance at the meeting.
State Soil – Gillespie

- Often if you name “the state soil,” it could become a preservation issue.

New Business

Workload Concepts - Resource Assessment/Workload Analysis Update – Jay Mar/Jon Hubbert
WRCC - SSCC Representative to attend the meetings

- Jake will continue to highlight the WRCC meetings during the SSCC meetings.

Soil and Water Conservation Week – Sunday, April 26th – Sunday, May 3, 2015

- Discuss the events that are taking place during the week.

Subcommittee Reports

District Operations

- Research and Demonstration Grant Modification Request: Conservation Districts of Iowa

2015 – 24 Jody made a motion to approve transfer the \$15,000.00 from additional on-farm testing equipment under new line items. Jean seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vacancy

Clay SWCD – Would like to recommend Joel Hartmann to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Julie Christensen.

Floyd SWCD – Would like to recommend Ian Pitzenberger as a commissioner to fill the vacancy on the board.

Mitchell SWCD – Would like to recommend C. John Schwarck as a commissioner to fill a vacancy on the board.

Madison SWCD – Would like to recommend Dwight Honnold to fill the vacancy on the board due to the passing of his father Duane Honnold, March 7, 2015.

Clay SWCD – Vacancy (resignation)

Floyd SWCD – Vacancy (failure to elect)

Mitchell SWCD – Vacancy (resignation)

2015 – 25 Jean made a motion to recognize the vacancies and approve the recommendation for appointments listed above. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously

SSCC Member Reports

Dale: Attended the Leopold Meeting.

Vance: Attended the Iowa Farm Business meeting, Regional meeting, Cover Crop meeting in Dickinson and the Soil Commissioner meeting.

Paula: Attended a Regional meeting.

Jody: Attended the Leopold meeting, Summer Tour planning and State Nursery meeting.

Tim: Attended a meeting with Supervisors; discussed Larry Beeler’s presentation and the DMWW lawsuit.

Charles: Discussed conservation work in his county.

Kelly: Fremont Regional presentation, made 6 presentations at Cover Crop meetings in March, Cover Crop and No till meetings.

Jean: WFAN meeting and presented the WFAN Research and Demonstration finalized newsletter.

Future Meetings

April 26th-May 3rd

Soil and Water Conservation Week

May 7th

Thursday 10:00 a.m. Wallace Building

9:00 a.m. for a sub-committee meeting if needed

****Non-Point Source Presentation – Allen Bonini, DNR**

June 22nd to 23rd

State Committee/CDI tour & meeting,

Location: Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo, 777 Isle of Capri Blvd., 50701

July

NO MEETING

12:40 p.m. Jean made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

***No Report**

****Presentations**

Sherman Lundy, SSCC Chair

James Gillespie, Division Director